

Samuel Newitt
Family

A SHORT SKETCH
of
SAMUEL NEWITT
AND HIS DESCENDANTS
Prepared and read by
his great-grandchild
MRS. N. E. BUGBEE

At the Annual Reunion held at the home of Mr. and
Mrs. W. B. Ames, Chenango Forks, N. Y.,
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1794 - 1880

(THE BIRTH CERTIFICATE OF SAMUEL NEWITT)

On the nineteenth Day of the fourth Month, called April, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-Four was born at Coventry in the Parish of St. John Baptist so called in the County of said City unto John Newitt, Wool Comber, and Hannah, his Wife, a Son who they named Samuel.

We, who were present at the said Birth, have subscribed our Names as Witneses thereof.

*Samuel Whitewell, Surgeon
The Mark X of Mary Newitt Sen.
Elizabeth Newitt*

ON THE 19th day of April, 1794, there was born to John and Hannah Newitt at Coventry, England, a son whom they named Samuel, and who was destined to become one of the pioneers of the new world. There were other children, among them a brother named John, some of whose descendants are with us today. In 1797, when Samuel was but three years of age, the family left Coventry, England, for America in a sailing vessel, the voyage taking three months. Upon their arrival in America they settled in Providence, Saratoga Co., N. Y., where they followed the trade of their ancestors, that of wool combers.

When Samuel was of age he went to Columbiaville, Columbia Co., N. Y., where he met Miss Catherine Irving, a native of Holland, and they were married Oct. 4, 1818. Three years later they came and settled on Quaker Hill, near DeRuyter, which at that time was a virgin forest. Samuel Newitt took up 80 acres of unclaimed land and aided by his aged but vigorous father, who had come to Quaker Hill with him, built two log houses, cleared the land and made a thrifty farm from the rich, virgin soil. He planted apple trees from the seeds and set out rows of maples, some of which are still standing. He was a great lover of trees and flowers. To this day, in the old door yard there are golden daffodils blossoming in profusion every springtime that were loved and tended by his mother in the old days.

To this union were born six children: Henrietta, Jane, Mary, Esther, Henry and Samantha. None of them are now living.

Henrietta married Stephen Baxter, and moved to Michigan in early life. To them were born three children, but little is known of their family history.

Jane married Israel Tripp, and to them were born five children, only one of whom is now living, Mrs. Margaret Hopkins of Elmira.

Mary married William Lathrop. They had one son, Maylon, who went west many years ago and nothing is known of his whereabouts.

Esther married John Wilcox and to them were born four children: Emerson, who died in infancy; David, also deceased; Clayton Wilcox of Syracuse, N. Y.; and Cora, who married Frank Clark and now resides in Los Angeles, Cal. Years after the death of her first husband Esther Wilcox married Frank Pulford and resided at Delphi, N. Y.

Henry married Miss Hulda Wood and to them five children were born: Eliza, Elwyn, David, Irving and Ettie. Of these only Irving Newitt of Taberg, N. Y., and Ettie, the wife of W. E. Ames, who are our host and hostess today, survive. After the death of his first wife, Henry Newitt was twice married, first to Mrs. Eliza Tripp, who lived a few years, and later to Mrs. Emaline Joslyn, who survives him.

Samantha married James Adams for her first husband and to them were born two girls, Ellen and Mary. Her second husband was George S. Mason, and to them was born a son, Walter. Ellen married Frank M. Lawson; Mary married DuWayne Benjamin. Both survive their husbands and still reside in DeRuyter. Walter is married and lives in Cortland.

Samuel Newitt married a second time but his wife of this marriage lived but a few months. Later he married Miss Mary Hopkins of Virgil, N. Y., and to them were born two children, Emma and Jerome.

Jerome died while young.

Emma, who is the only surviving child of Samuel Newitt, married John Rowe, and to them were born four children: Ada, Delmar, Fred and Albert.

Delmar is survived by his wife, a son and grandson. The other two boys are both married. Fred resides in Avon, N. Y., and Albert near Moravia, N. Y. Ada married Harold Woodward and resides near Cortland, and it is at their pleasant home Mrs. Emma Rowe passes much of her time.

There are several great grand children and great, great grand children of Samuel Newitt whose names the brevity of this article will not permit us to mention. A number of them are present today.

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The family in the early days were of the Friends persuasion and Samuel with his family were always faithful in their attendance at the meetings which were held every Sunday in the old Quaker Church in Quaker Basin.

Later the old log house was replaced with a more comfortable frame house which with the old Cornell house, built by the father of Ezra Cornell on Crumb Hill, were among the first to be built in all that section, and here the father, John Newitt, passed away at an advanced age.

In later years Samuel Newitt sold the farm on Quaker Hill and after living for a time on what was known in after years as the DeForest Warren farm in the Wibert District, moved to Quaker Basin and quietly passed his remaining years in the pleasant old homestead located in the forks of the road at the foot of Crumb Hill, where he was affectionately known to all his friends and neighbors as "Uncle Samuel". He set out all the large trees on the place, many of which are still standing, also some of the rose-bushes and flowers I think are still there, and although there have been many changes, the old stone walk around the house and many other things about the place still remain as he built them.

He lived an honorable and upright life, respected and beloved by all who knew him, and after a few weeks' illness, he finally passed to the great beyond, Oct. 29, 1880, in his 87th year.

A number of years ago three very pleasant annual reunions of the Newitt family were held at DeRuyter. The first was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Newitt, the second at the old school building and the third at the farm home of Mrs. Mary Newitt Taylor. For the past two years the descendants of Samuel Newitt have held reunions at Lakeside Park near Auburn. This year we accepted the cordial invitation of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ames to come to their pleasant home and to them we extend our sincere thanks.

It is with a note of sadness that we record the deaths during the past year of three cherished members of the Newitt family: David Newitt and his devoted wife, Nettie, of Georgetown Station, N. Y., and Mrs. Lucinda Newitt, wife of the late Elwyn Newitt, of DeRuyter, N. Y.

We also note the marriage of two granddaughters of Mrs. Ellen Adams Lawson: Ruth Warren of DeRuyter, N. Y., married George Barber of Syracuse, N. Y., on Feb. 21, 1929, and Bernice Breed of Cortland, N. Y., married John Sisk of Cortland, N. Y., on June 19th, 1929.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Rowe of Virgil, N. Y., John Harlan, Jr., on Jan. 12, 1929. The father, John Rowe, is a grandson of Mrs. Emma Rowe.

We cordially welcome these additions to our family circle.